

EDITORIALS

White Cane Day

Now and then, members of the area's various service clubs appeal to residents of the area to aid the club's major project, usually a project in humanity and brotherhood.

This week end, as they do each year about this time, the Torrance, North Torrance, and the Lomita-Harbor City Lions Clubs will be joining other clubs throughout the world in "White Cane Day," a project to raise funds for the service clubs' sight conservation program.

Funds raised in the several greater Torrance areas will be used in those areas—used to help youngsters get glasses and for treatment and equipment to conserve eyesight.

Teams of the various Lions Clubs will be in the area Friday and Saturday selling small white cane replicas, the symbol of their clubs' programs.

A little help from those who are able can mean a lot during the coming year to those who need sight care.

A Point of Agreement

The California State Chamber of Commerce has pointed out an area of agreement in the platforms of the Republican and Democratic parties which were adopted in convention last month, and suggests that all Americans should get behind both parties on these planks.

The point on which both parties are agreeable is that of clean roadsides, city streets, and recreational areas. National recognition of this serious problem and appreciation of the work being carried on by thousands of civic-minded men and women was pointed up at the meeting of the Statewide Cleanup Committee in San Francisco following the Republican Convention.

The Republican Party platform says: "We subscribe to the general objectives of groups seeking to guard the beauty of our land and to promote clean, attractive surroundings throughout America."

The Democratic Party platform says: "To the end that the scenic beauty of our land may be preserved and maintained for this and future generations to enjoy, we pledge accelerated support of educational programs to stimulate individual responsibility and pride in clean, attractive surroundings—from the big cities to the rural areas."

Whatever party might gain the most favor throughout the Torrance area, there can be no argument with either of the planks quoted above from the national platforms of the two great political organizations.

But it will take the cooperation of all—from the youngster with the chewing gum wrapper to the Sunday gardener with the trailer of trash.

Don't throw it on the street!

Short Takes...

RED CREEK, N. Y., HERALD: "The steelworkers themselves will have to pay as the steel they make goes up in price, and the steel goods they buy for their own use rises to keep pace... We are glad these workers will have more wages but will this benefit them as they pay more for what they must have? Will it increase their buying power?"

ALAMEDA, CALIF., TIMES STAR: "The recent success of American popular musicians who have toured Europe indicates that when our travelers properly typify American life and their fellow citizens, they are understood and welcomed."

PARK CITY, UTAH, RECORD: "There is no cut and dried formula for a country newspaper... We know papers that seldom print pictures on Page One. And we know papers that have almost as much art on Page One as they have copy... Some papers carry over stories on Page One. Others never do. Some papers run hundreds of little items reporting that 'Minnie Gooch went across the road for Sunday dinner.' Others read like small editions of the New York Times... If you are looking for variety you'll find it in the nation's press."

The Schoolosophy Corner

Training vs. Education

The rural character we've all read about, who shoved his son into the principal's office and said, "Here 'e is. Learn 'im. I don't care 'whatcha learn 'im, just so it's hard an' 'e don't like it." was expressing his philosophy of education.

This philosophy goes along with "Spare the rod and spoil the child."

It's usually backed up by demands for rigid discipline with seats all in a row, every child on the same page in the text on a given day at a given time. It stresses memory rather than thinking ability.

A good education can be given this way by some people and has been, but there are better ways.

This concept of schools says every grade is a step, and the requirements of the step and its standards must be met by each child before he goes to the next grade. This produces the situation in which a teen-ager is in a third grade because he can't read, if it means what it says.

It ignores the individual and makes him fit the mass pattern.

It is too often a leveling process rather than a development process for half the class.

It was a good theory once and it has some elements of truth in it. But it comes more under the category of training than education.

Training is what we do with a dog or a horse and can be applied to groups and mass situations, and to the development of certain skills. It definitely has its place in schools.

Education is what we do to help an individual child achieve his greatest potential of unique usefulness to himself and as a citizen of the community.

Education usually involves some training, but must not have the limitations of training. Releasing the inner man to become a creative contributor to the community, state, and nation must go beyond the limitations of training programs. It must be an educational process, that recognizes the unique talents, qualities, and needs and limitations of the individual child, as well as the similarities and likenesses of children.

The question is, is your school a mass training center, or does it have some of the elements of an educational program that leads each child to achieve his greatest potential?

Lesson In Political Education



YOUR PROBLEMS

By ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann: School starts soon and I dread it. Last year I wasn't very popular. I know it will be the same this year and I hate to face it.

Please Ann, give me some hints on how to be well-liked. I try not to show my hurt feelings when I'm left out of things and don't get invited to parties. I want so much to be "one of the crowd" but I don't know how.

Won't you print your advice in the paper so other girls and boys who are in the same boat can have the benefit of your answer? Thank you very much.

JERRILYN.

At the risk of sounding like a corn-ball I'll give it to you straight. The best way to have a friend is to be one. The old-fashioned virtues are what count. If you want people to take an interest in YOU—you must take an interest in THEM. Contribute something, even if it's only a smiling face. Be pleasant and genuine. Remember not everyone can have a bubbling personality so don't try to be what you aren't. Don't gossip about one girl to another. Build a reputation for being on the level, kind and dependable. It's how you treat people that counts... and if YOU want to count—treat people right. This is the magic formula.

Dear Ann: I became a widow several months ago after 15 years of marriage. I tried to keep busy baby-sitting but soon became lonely for people, my own age. I began to attend lectures and movies with a young acquaintance in his middle 20's. I'm 33. I enjoyed his company and when he suggested he move into my apartment which was handier to his job, I said yes. He pointed out that it would be more convenient financially as he could save money on bus fare and lunches.

Now, to my utter amazement, I find I'm pregnant. The young man said he'd marry me but what will my friends and family say when they learn I married a boy eight years my junior? This, in my opinion, is an unflattering reflection on a mature woman's judgment. Any advice will be welcome.

-C.J.

You're in no position to worry about what people will say about your "judgment." You weren't concerned when you permitted a young man to move into your apartment to save bus fare and lunch money.

A baby born out of wedlock would flatter you less than being married to a man eight years younger than yourself. It would also be better for the baby if it had a father. My advice is get married as soon as possible and make the best of it.

Dear Ann Landers: I'm a

boy 13 and have started to date. My problem is this: I like a girl who is 11 years old. She is pretty and has good sense. Do you think I ought to ask her out or is she too young? I can't figure this one out by myself and I really need your advice.—JOEY.

I think an 11-year-old girl is much too young to date... and while I'm on the subject, so is a 13-year-old boy. Where are your parents, anyway?

Dear Ann: Maybe I'm just a Boy Scout who hasn't outgrown it, but what I see going on next door is burning me up. I want to know if I should horn in and wise up the damsel? The gal next door is 35. She's one of those Plain Janes—sweet but glib and hard up for a guy. Well, she took a tumble for a bus driver. He's handsome.

Barney's Blarney

By BARNEY GLAZER

Isn't it simply wonderful how the old-time drunks are seldom if ever seen staggering down the sidewalk? Now that's what I call cleaning up our town and it comes under the heading of civic pride. But where did all the drunks go? Very simple. They bought themselves high compression automobiles and now can be found driving wildly down any convenient boulevard where innocent people are foolish enough to get in the way.

Eve Edwards told Walter Mendenhall, and Walter told me that the real fun in life isn't what you hear but what you happen to overhear... Choice dialogue from Universal's new movie, "The Unholy Moment." George Nader says: "The only things I remember about my school teachers are that one smelled of snuff and the other had red hair on her knuckles."

I don't know, and Bob Vincent can't figure it out either: How come we buy so many things that "pay for itself," yet we're always broke?... A golf professional gave a housewife her first lesson. The next day, the lady returned with a friend, "Ah," said the golf professional, "ready for your second lesson?" "I should say not," snapped the housewife. "I'm going to teach my friend. I learned yesterday."

A reader writes: "When we returned from a recent vacation, my wife carried two heavy suitcases into the house while I rested in my car. Our next door neighbor said it was very nasty of me to let her do it. Did I really do wrong?" Answer: You certainly did, mister. Next time, insist that

smooth and a real heel. He specializes in "Plain Janes" and it's a well known fact the women pass up buses in bad weather just to ride with him.

The jerk is a married man and has a family. But since he works the split shift he manages to play Romeo in the afternoon.

I know my neighbor friend is just one in a herd of females who has turned over her house keys to this scoundrel. Shall I give her the real run-down or keep my trap shut?—SLO BOAT.

Keep your huzzoo shut. This "girl" is old enough so that she could have witnessed the fan dance at the World's Fair in 1933. Your information will be unwelcome so keep it to yourself. Let's hope the girl wakes up before she finds herself on a dead end street—with no transfer.

THE MAIL BOX

Editor, Torrance Herald:

To get to the point of my letter right away—what is happening to the parents in Torrance and vicinity? My son's bike was taken from the front of our garage. My husband and his brother were working on a car and came in for coffee about 9:30 in the evening, which took about one-half hour. In that length of time, with our front door open, someone came up to the garage, which is attached to the house, and took the bike.

I reported it to the police the next day and they said that there are from five to 15 bikes taken from the front of the Torrance pool almost every day.

Are the parents so busy that they do not know or care that there is a bike at their home that does not belong there? If they do notice it, why don't they either have the child return the bike or turn it in to the Police Station so that they can return it?

My son rode his bike continuously and is lost without it. Like most working people, we cannot afford to be buying bikes for our children all the time. I also might

THE INSIDE STORY OF KEFAUVER'S NOMINATION

(Editor's Note: The current political campaigns reflect the decisions and strategy at the recent political conventions. Veteran reporter John Morley, who was there and who will travel with both Stevenson and Eisenhower during the campaigning, takes his readers behind the strategy at the conventions as a guide to the current campaign. This is Part 2 of a series of 5 columns.)

Senator John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts lost his well calculated bid for the Democratic Vice Presidential nomination because the professional big-wigs of the party were afraid of religious repercussions; and the paying off of a political debt by Senator Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota to Senator Estes Kefauver. Permanent Chairman Sam Rayburn was the man who maneuvered two critical recognitions from the podium by calling on Minnesota and Tennessee at a moment when Senator Kennedy was within eyelash of victory. Having watched Rayburn in this other national conventions, it is our opinion that the wily old fox knew that the two critical states of Minnesota and Tennessee would swing the victory for Kefauver, the choice of the majority of party officials.

Senator Kennedy was well on the road to the nomination by a freak stroke of luck when Senator Gore of Tennessee, who had received Arkansas' 26 votes on the previous ballot, persuaded his Arkansas supporters to switch to Kennedy. By the small margin of only one-half vote, and operating under the unit rule, Arkansas' 26 votes went to Kennedy. It was astonishing for Senator Gore of Tennessee to persuade the Arkansas delegation to vote against his fellow Tennessean, Estes Kefauver. It shows the deep rooted hatred existing between them, as well as between keynoter Governor Clement and Kefauver. Even the selection of Governor Clement as keynoter was a tip-off that the party professionals wanted Stevenson to defeat Kefauver for the presidential nomination, as Clement was a Stevenson man.

Up to this moment Kefauver did not control one Tennessee delegate vote for either President or Vice President. A few minutes later, the word came to Gore and Clement from the top to switch to Kefauver for party reasons. Policies are made for such things. The show of "unity" displayed before the TV cameras by this group after Kefauver's nomination was so much window-dressing for the delegates and voters. In this case the "unity" lasted as long as it took the

AFTER HOURS

By JOHN MORLEY

TV cameras to zero on the next political trick.

After Arkansas' 26 votes went to Kennedy, state after state, including the South, notoriously anti-East, voted for Kennedy in order to stop Kefauver. It was at this juncture that Chairman Sam Rayburn left the platform, supposedly to "rest," but in reality to a "crash-meeting" in a side room of the arena with powerful factional leaders Lyndon Johnson, Senators Gore, Humphrey, Governor Clement, and Mayor Daley of Chicago, who's Illinois delegation had gone heavily to Kennedy before. What took place one can only hazard on the basis of what happened later.

Returning to the platform Rayburn passed the up-raised banners of a dozen states waiving for recognition, and picked Minnesota. Minnesota on the first ballot had given all its 30 votes to Kefauver. But on the second ballot had given Kefauver only 13½ and Humphrey 16½. But on the Rayburn recognition Minnesota switched back all of its 30 votes to Kefauver. This was Humphrey's repayment of his political debt to Kefauver, who released his votes in the presidential race to Humphrey. So Humphrey, realizing he could not win the vice presidential nomination, joined the other Kennedy objectors by switching in favor of Kefauver.

Immediately after this, Rayburn again looked over the heads of several delegations waiving for recognition and selected Tennessee. Then the real blockbuster of the convention fell, when Kefauver's bitter enemy, Senator Gore and Governor Clement, switched Tennessee's 32 votes to him. Had they gone to Kennedy, as expected, Kennedy would have gone over the top of the 686½ needed for nomination. Gore and Clement had kept their word with Rayburn that if Gore could not win, they would support Kefauver, as bitter a pill to swallow as it was.

The nomination for the vice presidency at the Democratic Convention was not open in the sense that it was of the free will and choice of the delegates. It was only open to the extent that, while Stevenson favored Kefauver for throwing his support to him a month before the convention, he did refrain from selecting his running mate, which is customary. It was a known fact in Chicago that Stevenson many months ago decided that if he won the nomination, he would refrain from naming his running mate. Sam Rayburn and the Democrat big-wigs tried to persuade Stevenson to select Kefauver up to the minute of his brief appearance before the convention, after

Stevenson's nomination Thursday night.

When that failed, they worked behind the scenes in favor of Kefauver for two reasons. First, that Kefauver was their best campaigner and vote-getter... and second, that Kennedy's religion would be too vulnerable and controversial. This is regrettable, to be sure, but the political experts in Chicago openly admitted that Kennedy, however superior to Kefauver in natural ability, would weaken the ticket at the ballot box, at least in 1956.

Estes Kefauver in all probability worked harder than any man at the Convention to help Stevenson, hoping that by so doing he would be favored for the second place on the ticket. He had some 100 workers divided between the convention floor and the hotels in the Loop working feverishly with the delegates and campaign managers. In a sense the law of averages was in favor of Kefauver and we said so in these columns months ago, even before he dropped out of the race for the presidency.

The ironic things about Kefauver's victory were that the people who hated him most in his own state of Tennessee actually catapulted him to victory at the most decisive moment of his political career. It was those same bitter enemies of years standing in Nashville who posed with handshakes and upraised arms before Kefauver's acceptance speech in a show of "unity." It is Kefauver's political enemies today who are going all out with parties and clamorings in his honor as he barnstorms the nation for the success of the Democratic ticket in November.

"Why Ike went to Convention Early" in the next issue of "After Hours."

and I Quote



"The man who can make a woman listen usually does it by talking to someone else!"—Charlie Jones.

"One great advantage in being old is that you can stand for more and fall for less."—Ham Park.

"To think that the American Revolution started over one tax! There are enough taxes nowadays to keep the rebellion going indefinitely."—Ira Washout.

Next to knowing when to seize an opportunity, the most important thing in life is to know when to forego an advantage.

"The golden age of parenthood comes when the children are too old for baby sitters and too young to borrow the family car."—Jack Shill.

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